



PRESIDENT'S GAVEL  
PASSES TO KANSAS PE

Tim Austin, P.E., F.NSPE, was installed on July 18 as NSPE's 2015–16 president at the Society's Annual Meeting in Seattle. He takes over the helm from Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE, of Pennsylvania.

Austin is manager of Kaw Valley Engineering Inc.'s office in Wichita, Kansas. His diverse work experience has provided him with a unique perspective of the engineering and construction industries and has been an experienced and accomplished manager in both the public and private sectors.

In a July/August PE article, Austin wrote: "My commitment as NSPE president to each NSPE member will be to move the [Society's strategic] effort forward; to assure you that the organization is working for you, as David Steinman envisioned, by defining, promoting, and protecting licensure for the public's health, safety, and welfare; by building recognition and appreciation for the licensed professional engineer; and by answering the question, 'What is NSPE doing for me?'"

Active in a number of professional and community organizations, Austin currently serves as the secretary for the Engineers' Foundation of Kansas. He is a past president of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers and a past board member of the NSPE. He is a past board member of the Wichita Area Builders Association and currently serves on both the legislative and developers committees.

Austin is also the immediate past chairman of the Wichita Art and Design Council and a past chairman of the Wichita Airport Advisory Board. He served on the founding committee of the Greater Wichita Area Economic Development Coalition and is a past member of the Board of Trustees for Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Also on July 18 at the 2015 Annual Meeting, the House of Delegates elected Tom Roberts, P.E., F.NSPE, vice president of the Society. He will serve as the 2017–18 president, following Kodi Jean Verhalen, P.E., Esq., F.NSPE.

Read Tim Austin's perspective on "What does NSPE do for me?" in his first blog as the NSPE president at [www.nspe.org/resources/blogs/from-the-president-blog](http://www.nspe.org/resources/blogs/from-the-president-blog).

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NSPE President Tim Austin, P.E., F.NSPE, shares a laugh with the audience during the installation of officers ceremony.

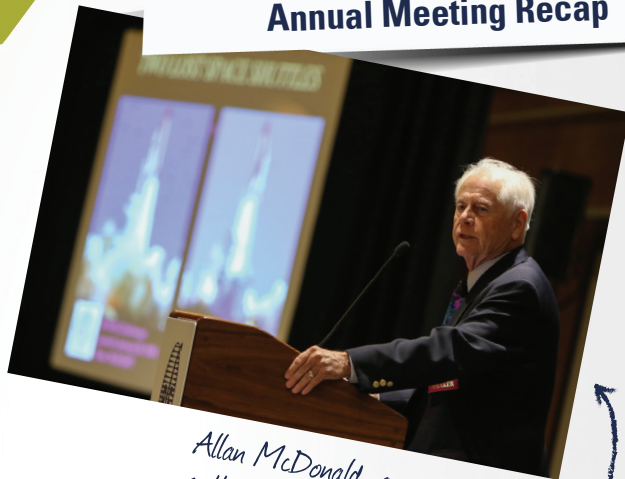


Annual Meeting attendees network during the Welcome to the Emerald City! reception. Nadir Yilmaz, Ph.D., P.E., and Kenneth McGowan, P.E., F.NSPE, participate in the Order of the Engineer ceremony.



NSPE 2015

Annual Meeting Recap



Allan McDonald, aerospace consultant and author, shares the ethics lessons he learned from the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster during the Annual Meeting closing session.



Attendees listen to the speaker during an education session on engineering disasters.

Missouri State Rep. Bart Korman, P.E., advises members on how they can get involved in the political process during The Path to Political Office session.



NSPE RECOGNIZES PEs FOR  
DISTINGUISHED CAREERS AND  
VALUABLE LEADERSHIP

At its Annual Meeting in Seattle in July, NSPE honored individuals for their service to the Society and profession.

NSPE Award

2001–2002 NSPE President Dan Clinton, P.E., F.NSPE, was presented with the Society's highest honor.

The retired engineer held numerous key positions in his 41-year career, including senior vice president for public works, land development, and transportation with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc.

He has been a member of NSPE and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers since 1953 and has taken on multiple roles within both. He has served as NSPE president and national director and in groups such as the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; as TSPE president and state director; and as a trustee of the Texas Engineering Foundation, among many other roles.



Dan Clinton

NSPE Distinguished Service Award

The 2015 winner of the award recognizing an NSPE member for exceptional contributions to the engineering profession, community, and Society was L. G. "Skip" Lewis Jr., P.E., F.NSPE.

Chairman of H2L Consulting Engineers in Greenville, South Carolina, Lewis has more than 45 years of design and construction experience. He is a strong advocate of dispute avoidance and alternative dispute resolution processes, and has served on the board of the American Arbitration Association, where he is a long-time panel member. He has also held positions within the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, including president. He has been an NSPE member for more than 45 years and has held office in both local and state societies.



L. G. "Skip" Lewis Jr.,

NSPE President's Award

Amy Barrett, P.E., F.NSPE, an associate electrical engineer with Hafer Associates in Evansville, Indiana, earned the President's Award for her leadership and support given to NSPE as well as for her role as a dedicated advocate for young engineers.

In addition to serving as the Central Region Director on NSPE's Board of Directors, Barrett is the incoming president of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. She also participates with the NSPE Membership Committee and Leadership Development Institute Task Force and previously chaired the Professional Engineers in Private Practice Young Engineers Advisory Council.



Amy Barrett

Young Engineer of the Year Award

The 2015 winner of the award for engineers age 35 and younger is Charles Stevens Jr., P.E., PTOE, a research engineer for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute Research and Implementation Division.

Stevens returned to the institute after seven years in private practice and has focused on developing a long-range "smart corridor" intelligent transportation systems plan. He has also engaged in autonomous vehicle research for the US military and unmanned aerial vehicles application research.



Charles Stevens

See pp. 16 and 18 for more award winners. Learn more about all the honorees at [www.nspe.org/resources/annual-meeting/2015-award-winners](http://www.nspe.org/resources/annual-meeting/2015-award-winners).